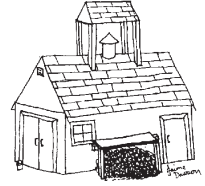


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ALL THINGS SEEM POSSIBLE IN MAY

250th Anniversary Events at Guilford Community Church

BY NANCY DETRA

The Guilford Community Church is celebrating its 250th anniversary with a year of special events. You may have seen news of the Soup and Story night in February or the “Cranky” Night in April, both featuring favorite stories and songs to tell the tales most beloved of bygone pastors and congregants. Events still to come are as diverse as the church’s own community –a potluck of international foods to celebrate the reunion of youth who have travelled on mission trips; a pizza and strawberry social; a murder mystery tour in the far hills of west

Guilford; and a celebratory concert, “By the People for the People” at the Latchis Theatre.

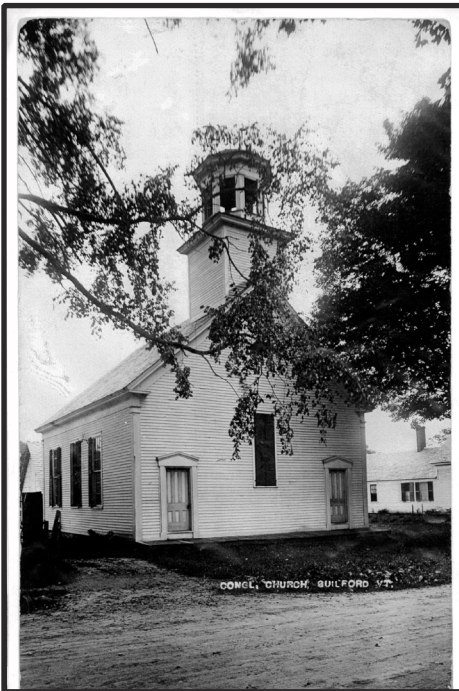
Despite moves and fires and the passing of two hundred and fifty years, “community” has always been at the heart of what was originally called the Guilford ‘Congregational’ Church. First built by early settlers in 1767 on the ridge above Guilford Center, the church served as the town’s meeting house and gathering place. Sixty years later, in 1837, the building was taken down and some of the original beams were used to build the Meeting House (next to the Guilford Library), and to keep the church at the center of village life.

1856 saw the church move again—to Route 5, which was becoming an important thoroughfare. This also allowed the Congregationalists and Unitarians to split and have their own worship spaces. All the while, numbers grew and diminished over and over again, burgeoning under the care of Shirley and Larry Crockett in the 1980s. At the end of Shirley Crockett’s ministry in 1997 there was a further need for space; and the communi-

ty, church members and non-members alike, came together to move the church to where it is now.

This move led to a whole new level of community, as the building became the town’s emergency shelter in 2006 and purchased land in 2014 with the hope of providing space for the local food pantry and a childcare center. Community Collaborative for Guilford (CC4G - See article) has taken on that project with the church’s support.

The congregation has much to celebrate. This year it was given a national award by the United Church of Christ for its commitment to “embracing diversity”—quite a feat for a small rural church.



Old church with steeple



Church move in 1994

Guilford Historical Society Plant Sale - May 20th from 10-2 at Richmond’s Auto

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Guilford 8th Grade Graduates

The following Guilford 8th Graders will be graduating from BAMS this year.

Amya Barash	Spencer Lawrence
Abigail Browne	Jonmichael McManus
Seamus Buckley	Jakob Orkins
Yared Capy-Goldfarb	Brianna Paul
Allyssa Douglass	Samuel Poor
Samuel Freitas-Eagan	Miguel Ramirez
Hannah Geno	Meghan Rayno
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Austin Jobin	Lacy Slade
Alexa Kinley	Terry St.John
Krista Kinley	Ruby Stone
Ian LaBounty	Forrest Wohnus
Ashley LaFlam	Austin Wood

BUHS Graduates from Guilford

The following Guilford 8th Graders will be graduating from BUHS this spring.

Tanner Bell	William Tobin LaPorte
Freesia Capy-Goldfarb	Emily Paige Martyn
Ian Fulton-Black	Baily Marie Strange
Anya Mae Camille Gunzburg	Elijah Marley Taylor
Trevor Henry	Galen Rhys von Wodtke
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Upcoming events at Guilford Community Church include:

Saturday, June 3: Strolling of the Heifers Parade - 10am

Sunday, June 11: Youth Reunion and International Pot Luck - 12 noon

Saturday, July 8: Wood Fired Pizza & Ice Cream Social - 5:30pm

Sunday, August 6: Moving Day Anniversary Picnic - 12 noon

Saturday, September 23: Mystery Murder Meal - TBA

Saturday, October 14: Book Unveiling - Grace Shall Lead Us On! - TBA

Saturday, November 11: LATCHIS CHORAL CONCERT - 7pm

Sunday, December 31: Final Celebration: Cornucopia Meal - 12 noon

Everyone is very welcome to attend any and all of the events.

*Send your Articles and
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Thank You!*

Guilford Teens Have Successful Nordic Season

BY LISA FORD

Multiple BUHS students from Guilford have embraced their love for Nordic skiing and celebrated an astounding win in the 2017 state championship. One student went on to compete nationally.

Guilford boys Isaac Freitas-Eagan, Galen Fletcher and Orion Stone powered their team to win 2nd place in Vermont. Isaac himself had the fastest times that day and earned two individual state titles. Also demonstrating overall strength in the 5K freestyle, Orion placed 32nd, Fletcher 36th.

At the same time Isaac was winning medals throughout Vermont, he was also pursuing his dream of representing New England in the USSA Junior National Nordic Skiing Champion-

ship. In order to qualify, Isaac competed in eight Eastern Cup races throughout the season.

In the end, he earned the privilege to compete nationally on the U-18 team. This national championship gave Isaac an opportunity to compete with the most experienced junior skiers in America, being only one of three 16-year-olds racing this year. This was an opportunity only one other student in the history of BUHS has accomplished.

Isaac admits, "Representing BUHS, Guilford, my family

and community at this national event was one of the greatest achievements of my entire life."

At the 2017 Junior Nationals held in Lake Placid in March 2017, Isaac placed 20th in the under 18 10K Freestyle and 21st in the Classic Ski Race.



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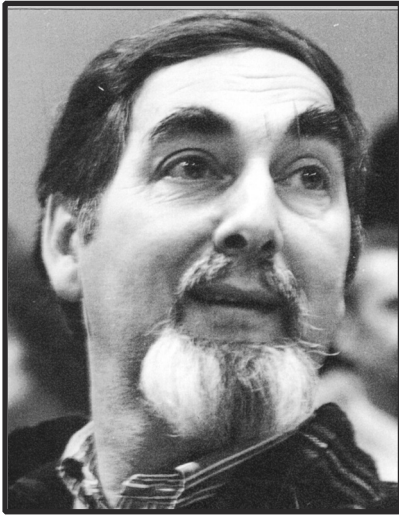
A Life Well Lived

BY EVELYN MCLEAN

Long time Guilford resident George Lewis died Sunday, December 18, 2016, after a period of declining health. He was 90.

Known by generations of Guilford children as their BUHS English teacher, he was active in local civic, educational, and Episcopal Church circles.

In 1996, while studying at Yale, George and his wife Laura accepted an invitation from family friend A. Graham Down to attend his Labor Day weekend organ concert in Guilford. They greatly enjoyed the experience and decided to live in a similar locale. George, Laura and daughter Louise moved to Guilford in 1968, after accepting a position at BUHS as the first-ever head of the English department, a post in which he served for 21 years. He retired in 1992.



*George Lewis at
Town Meeting in the 1970s*

- Acting and directing were lifelong passions for Lewis. As a young man, he performed the lead role in *Harvey* at Yale. His appearances in Broadway casts included productions of *Life With Father* and *Okla-homa*. After settling in Vermont he acted and directed in local theater for many years, with memorable shows that included a 1976 Bicentennial production of *The Contrast* by Royall Tyler, who wrote the first professionally staged comedy by an American author.

An avid opera lover, he was a familiar voice on local radio station WKVT with his *Curtain Raiser* at the Met program airing just prior to the weekly Saturday matinee broadcasts for New York's Metropolitan Opera from 1970 to 1994. For many years he also conducted informational classes for interested community members called *Opera for the Non-Musician*. They became a much-loved community program and resulted in Lewis leading popular bus trips each year to New York City for theater and opera. Throughout the 70s and 80s he arranged to chaperone numerous yearly bus trips for BUHS students to visit New York City and see their very first Broadway show or opera, ensuring that BUHS students had these unique cultural experiences.

He loved to travel. Occasionally he and Laura led groups of students on theater trips to London and Russia.

Lewis served on the board of both the Christ Church Guilford Society and Christ Church Cemetery Board from 1979 until his death. Lewis was also a founding member of the Algiers Fire District No. 1

and served Guilford for many years as a Justice of the Peace. In the 1990s he also served on the BUHS Board.

He was proud to have completed a 100-mile bicycle trip around Vermont once in his later middle-aged years, and from 1992 until his passing was an active member of the Outer Limits health club in Brattleboro. He loved to cook and was a gourmet. His cooking



*1/1/2011 – George rings the
Christ Church bell to welcome in
Guilford's 250th anniversary.*

pursuits also resulted in tasty treats for friends and family, who will especially miss his Christmas stollen, Easter pound cake and Dutch pot roast.

George Lewis loved living in Guilford. As his wife Laura said, "It is a place we liked, people we liked and a town we liked. We were always happy here."

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What's Happening with CC4G?

BY ELLY MAJONEN & HEATHER FRANKLIN

Community Collaborative for Guilford (CC4G) is excited to announce that in February, in partnership with the Town of Guilford, we were awarded a Vermont Community Development Program Planning Grant of \$30,000. The money will fund a feasibility study to explore the many facets of building a new center in Algiers that will provide early childhood care and education in addition to family resources, with a focus on strengthening community connections and supporting those in need. The feasibility study will include work with an architect to integrate our programmatic needs and green building ideas into a conceptual site plan, the environmental impact of new construction, and the overall financial sustainability of the project.

In the fall of 2016, CC4G was accepted into Cohort #2 of the Promise Community Initiative (PCI). This Initiative seeks to strengthen families, increase kindergarten readiness, provide access to high quality early learning and development opportunities, and help communities come together to work on identified needs. As part of our work with the PCI, CC4G conducted a parent survey, held four public meetings, and continues to engage in community conversations to identify community needs and ways to support young families in Guilford.

What we know: We have no registered or licensed child care or early education programs in Guilford. Working parents are in need of child care from as early as 6:30 AM up to 6:00 PM. Collaboration

with Guilford Central School as it develops a public pre-K classroom is important. We learned about existing resources and generated new ideas for opportunities to include families with infants through five-year-olds. New ideas included: open gym and creative movement for children two to five years at Guilford Central School, expanded story time and playgroups at the Guilford Free Library, partnering with Andy Loughney around the development of a natural playscape, parent & baby yoga, new parent support, guide/directory of Guilford resources as well as other parent resources. Through the PCI, we have up to \$150,000 to address our needs and support these ideas. Stay tuned for next steps regarding this Initiative.

In February 2017 CC4G joined with Friends of Algiers Village, Inc., Guilford Preservation, Inc., and Guilford Community Church to submit a letter of interest to Windham Regional Commission (WRC) regarding the Living Community Challenge (LLC). VERY briefly, its goals include promoting healthy lifestyles for everyone; energy conservation and generation; and creating a positive impact on people and the natural systems that interact with them. It is a framework for master planning, design, and construction. It is a tool to create a symbiotic relationship between people and all aspects of the built environment. In March, we were selected to participate in the challenge. To find out more, go to <https://living-future.org/lcc/>.

Since the beginning of the year the board has been excited to welcome Taylor Bald-

win and Heather Franklin to the work of the board. If you're interested in getting involved you can find us on the web at www.cc4guilford.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CC4Guilford. You can also donate to CC4G on our website. CC4G is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit which means that all of your donations are tax deductible! Finally, the board would love to hear from you—especially if you're a parent or expecting parent—about what you'd like to see in Guilford to support children and families. You can reach us at info@cc4guilford.org.



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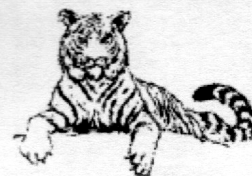
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May 26 Deadline: College Scholarships for Guilford Residents

BY DON MCLEAN

There are currently two sources of college scholarship aid available specifically for Guilford residents. This year's application deadline for both scholarships is May 26, so students heading to college this fall are just in time to apply.

Broad Brook Grange has been giving a scholarship to a student from Guilford for many years. The Grange was the organization that collaborated with the Town of Guilford on publishing the green History of Guilford book back in 1961, for the Town Bicentennial, and proceeds from sales of the book were used to start the scholarship fund.

It's important to know that applicants for this scholarship do not have to be Grange members. A Grange committee, chaired by Mike Szostak, prepares the application materials and receives completed applications, then makes the decision on the award, typically a single scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Eligibility is somewhat specific: The scholarship is awarded to a BUHS graduating senior, who plans to attend a 2 or 4 year college or trade school — to which they have been accepted — after graduation, and the applicant must have lived in Guilford for 2 of the past 4 years.

A nice thing about this scholarship (and reflecting the community mission of the Grange) is that although academic accomplishment is an important part of the criteria, community service counts for 50% of the weight given the applicant's qualifications.

The other scholarship just for Guilford

residents is given by the Town of Guilford through the Lt. Col. Charles L. Bullock and Mrs. Mary Ellen Bullock Educational Scholarship Fund, established by family as a permanent trust in memory of these members of an extensive Guilford family.

One or more scholarships are awarded each year, depending upon the number and quality of applications, and are available to any Guilford resident to attend any two-or-four-year institution of higher learning, including technical school and post-graduate work. Both first-year and continuing students may apply.

These scholarships are administered by a committee appointed by the Select-board.

To apply:

Grange Scholarship: Applications available at BUHS Counseling Office or from chair Mike Szostak (257-7475-H or 451-3434-BUHS), e-mail (mikesz45@yahoo.com) or stop by Room #117 at BUHS.

Bullock Scholarship: Applications available at the Guilford Town Office and school counseling offices.



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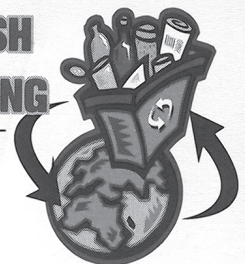
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Troy Revis Wears Many Hats

BY GARRET BARRY-STOUGHTON

When you walk through the halls of Guilford Central School, you may think of our Head of Maintenance as just another staff member. You thought wrong. Mr. Troy Revis has a lot of things on his plate, being a retired military soldier and having just retired from the Guilford Selectboard.

When asked what makes him happy here at GCS, Mr. Revis answered, "Seeing the smiling faces of all the children." I asked him why he decided to work here, and he said, "I inquired about the job after the boiler fire in 2003." Mr. Revis has worked here since October 1st, 2003. He said when he first arrived at his

new job here, he felt a little overwhelmed. "My first impression was this is going to be a challenge, but I can overcome it."

When asked what he likes the best about working here, he answered, "Helping the building to be clean and running to the best of my ability." When I interviewed him about his job and asked if he had to work here in the summertime, he said, "I work 261 days out of the year. The summertime is when we strip the floors and clean the building left to right. That's when all the major projects are done." Even when school is in session, Mr. Revis has very little free time. "I am moving all the time," he added.

With a frown on his face he told me the worst part about being a custodian is "having to clean the grease trap out in the summertime." The easiest part of working here is "working with my fellow members of the staff, and getting the building up to the best standards I can." The hardest part of his job has been "understanding all the codes of building safety and procedures that go along with the education procedures."

Mr. Revis is an overall trooper, whom everybody loves and cares about. We all hope he stays here long after our time.

Guilford Recreation Commission Hosting Yard Sale!

BY WENDY STONE

Are you about to do some spring cleaning? Do you have too much clutter? On Saturday, May 20th from 9 AM to 2 PM, the Guilford Recreation commission is hosting a yard sale (location to be determined). This is an opportunity to clear your space and support the community while you do it. We will accept donations of your items, or you can rent a table for \$20 and sell your items yourself. Enjoy the day with your friends and neighbors! Food and snacks will be for sale. We hope you can make it! This is a Fundraiser for the Guilford Recreation Commission. Rent a table for \$20 - tables are provided. Pre-Register at: www.guilfordrecreation.org (click on adult-program-registration)

The Guilford Recreation Commission continues to organize and provide the athletic programs for the Guilford Central School children, in co-operation with the Guilford Central School.

The Winter Season included a Basketball team for Grades 4-6 and a K-6 Baton Twirling. Winter activities also included a Youth/Adult Pottery making class and a Hand Knotted bead making workshop for Adults.

The Mud Season lineup included Volleyball Club and Baton Twirling.

Spring sports currently in motion include Archery at Sportsmen Inc, Soccer Skills & Drills/ Family Soccer, Running Club, Baton Twirling, Ultimate Frisbee, and Baseball Skills & Drills/ Family Baseball.

In addition, the Recreation Commission offered an all ages Box Banjo Making Workshop with Guilford resident Dennis Waring, PhD. on April 29th.

On May 6th, the Guilford Recreation Commission hosted a Bike Night at the Guilford School.

Stay tuned for our upcoming programs for children ages birth through 5, offered in collaboration with the CC4G. Their website is: www.cc4guilford.org

Please check our website and Facebook pages for details about the yard sale, and all of our upcoming events:

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Recycling, Trash, and other Messy Things

BY LINDA HAY

Since December various local news outlets have been reporting that changes are in store for the way folks in Windham County, including Guilford, will be disposing of their recycling. The details are not yet written in stone, but some things are clear. The changes will not be major for us. In Guilford you can deal with recyclables by having 1) your Trash Hauler pick them up or 2) you can take them to the facility on Rope Ferry Road to dispose of them.

What you won't be able to do is to drop recycling off at the bins by the High School, nor will there be bins at the for-

mer transfer stations in the "Hill Towns." The bins will be gone come June. Whether you have a professional hauler take your recycling, or you take it to WSWMD, the price is probably going up a bit. Haulers are allowed to add a charge to provide recycling pickup, and with all the changes at the Windham Solid Waste Management District, it is very likely that they too will have to charge to handle recycling in addition to their charges for trash.

If you have been making the trek to the dump on a regular basis, you may find that the cost of the annual sticker may rise, and the dumping fees, whether you pay by the ton or the bag may also go up. In the old days it was hoped that the District could sell the recycled plastic, glass, metal, paper and so forth and offset the cost of doing business. That market however has changed, and it turns out that we, the consumers, must pick up the tab when recyclables don't sell; certainly there's justice there.

There are a variety of ways to lower the cost of your "garbage". First, produce less "trash" of whatever kind. The old "Reduce,

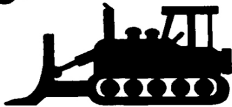
Recycle, Reuse" mantra still holds true. If you don't buy items you don't really need, or those which are over packaged, you will be ahead of the game. Luckily the Brattleboro and other Food Coops offer a huge range of items in bulk, so you can take your own reusable bags, bottles and so forth when shopping to be recycled endlessly by you.

There is also a move to turn food waste, yard waste, etc. into compost at the former WSWMD landfill, as compost does sell. But most of us in Guilford have somewhere we can create a compost heap, and by making and harvesting our own compost we save money and grow better gardens.

So even though some of the media coverage has been alarmist and confusing, here in Guilford not much will change and possibly a few of us will even adopt a more Earth friendly habit or two.

Many thanks to Peder Rude for clarifying the details and for keeping on top of the situation, and for doing so with good humor.

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The 6th Grade Class of 2016-2017

BY BROOKE WHELAN

Think back seven years ago.... In the beginning of the school year, these new, adorable faces came skipping through the door. That was us, but we look a little different now, a couple feet taller and couple of shoe sizes bigger. In a couple of weeks, on June 13th, we are graduating.

There are currently 12 students in the 6th grade class. From the beginning of this year to the end, the class has always been enthusiastic, hard workers, and great leaders. Whenever a test comes up, this class doesn't moan or groan, they stick with it and try their best. Jen Kramer's (our amazing 6th grade teacher) motto is "Do hard things when

they set their mind to it." She says that because she knows that the class can do hard things when they set their minds to it.

For example, most of the 6th graders chose to be in a group called leadership. Leadership happens during school hours and is only for 6th graders. The goal of leadership is for its members to be role models and mentors at the school. One of our jobs has been to lead our monthly All School Meetings. Each student plays a role: introducing the meeting, asking students for appreciations or announcements, announcing Student Achievement Awards and doing a performance at the end.

The 6th grade celebration in June will

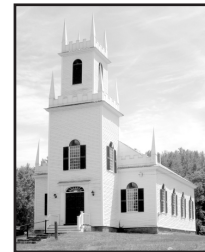
be a lot different from the graduation the middle schoolers had when they used to go to our school. We don't wear caps and gowns anymore and, when we get our certificates, we are introduced by a staff member, who shares personal memories and stories that show how we are unique.

As you can see, this class is well poised for BAMS and a lot of fun. The class has mixed emotions about graduation. Marisa and Hunter are both feeling scared and nervous. But you and I both know that all of the 6th graders are going to grow up to be really great people.



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Wednesdays Are for Writers

BY HUNTER LABARGE, 6TH GRADE

In the bustling 6th grade classroom, we sit chatting happily while waiting for the bell to ring. The bell rings, yet only three people leave. What's going on? IT'S WRITING CLUB! The remaining pupils make a mad dash to the meeting area. They take a seat. Ms. Kramer gets up and grabs a bag of tortilla chips and some salsa and we dig in! Little do you know, we're writing stories, but not just any boring story, either—these are survival stories! Believe it or not, this happens every Wednesday. It's called Writing Club. It's a time to work on our stories or a Guilford Gazette article like the one I'm writing now.

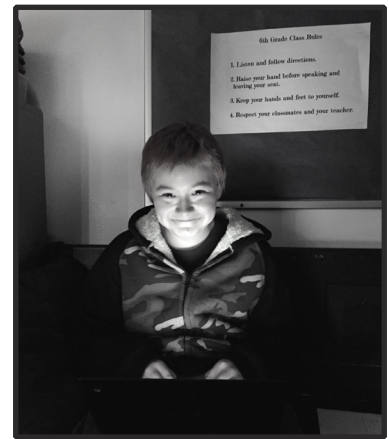
It all started one year ago, when Ms. Kramer had an idea to give her students more time after school to write. Students read *My Side of the Mountain* over the summer to prepare them for our weekly Forest Thursday expeditions into the Weeks Forest. The story is about a boy, Sam Gibley, who spends a whole year in the Adirondack Mountains. He builds

a home inside a hemlock tree, and learns to live off of the land. Students enjoyed this story so much that they were inspired to write their own "survival stories" about the Weeks Forest.

Writing Club happens from the time the bell rings at 2:35 until 3:20. At that time, we get on a bus that brings us down to the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department, where we get on our respective buses with students from B.A.M.S and B.U.H.S and head home. When I interviewed some kids about Writing Club, most agreed that they love to write and that it's fun to make up their own stories. "I joined Writing Club because I was very excited about what we were writing about (survival stories). I also love to write, so it gives me a chance to practice and try new things with my writing," Melanie St. John stated in a rather hyper mood. Alex Baker added, "I joined Writing Club because I thought it would be a great opportunity to improve my writing." Brea Tkaczyk likes it, "because I love Forest Thursday and have always loved nature, so I like having a time to build up

this story that I can share with people—I knew it was just going to be something so fun and it is."

At the end of the year we will decide what to do with our writing. We may want to publish our own books or make a class book with illustrations. Some of us may continue to work on our stories even after we leave 6th grade!



Hunter LaBarge at Writers Club

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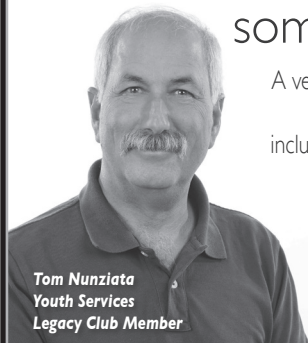


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GCS K-6 Classroom News

BY MELANIE ST JOHN, GCS 6TH GRADE

The year is ending at GCS, and the students are still working hard. I spoke with the teachers of the primary wing and upper grades and here's what they reported.

Kindergarten: Kindergarteners are going into 1st grade soon, and they are ready! They have been doing some experiments to help them see forces at work, and that will help them see that they can change the direction or strength of a force. They will do some gardening this spring, and probably have fun with balls and ramps. "We will go on a hike at BEEC to study more about plant and animal adaptations, and we always look forward to Field Day," said Karen Duggan. Karen explained, "It has just been a fun year!"

1st Grade: The first graders have been working on data in math where kids collect, chart, and discuss data. They also have been germinating kale under grow lights and hope to eat the greens very soon as a snack. One of Karyn Tyler's favorite activities from the year is going to the Thompson House monthly. One time, the kids did a folk dance called Sasha with the residents. "It was really beautiful," Karyn explained. She has learned a lot about social and academic needs of first graders. She also said, "I have discovered that first graders are pretty funny and very sweet."

2nd Grade: This year the second grade has been learning about bones and muscles. A highlight for Kathleen Lapan this winter was learning about nutrition

from Bonnie Hill, who is a UVM Extension trainer. The second grade enjoyed reading books about the food groups that were given to the class as part of the program. "It has been challenging to learn to teach Eureka, a new math program, while the children are becoming familiar with the program. It is interesting to see how their math concepts develop," said Kathleen.

3rd Grade: The third graders just finished an art project that was connected to a field trip to the Franklin Farm. While there, they went to the sugar house and sampled some fresh maple syrup, and saw tubing that stretches across 2,700 taps! Lauren Quimby said to me, "I have learned a lot about Guilford as a community and I know there is much more to learn." The most challenging thing this year for Lauren is finding time to fit everything in. "There are some great things going on at GCS and students are eager to learn... EVERYTHING," she said.

4th Grade: The fourth graders have been working on Vermont History Research Projects, and it has been Cory Sorenson's favorite activity this year. Cory said, "The world makes more sense when I know more history. It gives me hope for the future." They have a vermicomposting bin as well, which means they have live worms in their classroom eating decomposing foods. "Sounds smelly, and it sort of is, but it's also very cool to watch," said Cory. The most challenging thing this year so far for him has been practicing for standardized tests.

5th Grade: The fifth grade have been

studying about the history of our country, about all the different native people that lived on this land, and what happened when Europeans started coming. Students also have been finishing writing about famous artists and inventors. Each fifth grader picked a different artist or inventor to research, and then wrote about the story of their life, or a newspaper article recommending their art or inventions. They will be celebrating spring with some science, and Julie Erickson hopes to start seedlings soon.

6th Grade: The sixth grade has just finished a book, *Lyddie*, by Katherine Paterson, and will write essays about the book, and then will start a unit on the Industrial Revolution. After that, they'll use primary sources to learn how the Civil War affected our own town of Guilford. Jennifer Kramer told me the most challenging thing this year is teaching the new math program, *Eureka Math*. With 12 students, Jen said to me, "I was able to get to know students a little better, which helped to create a close-knit classroom family."

In conclusion the K-6 have been working hard. I hope you are excited to hear about 2017-2018 GCS school year, I know I am.

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Adventure Week

By MARISA DOWNING

The 6th grade is graduating from Guilford on June 13th. To celebrate a year of Forest Thursdays, we will be having an Adventure Week, five days of hiking, swimming, and camping in beautiful places in this area, from Guilford, Vermont to Harrisville, New Hampshire. The adventure will be June 5 through June 9. "Students love having the opportunity to get outside, to try something new, and to camp out in the forest where we've gone on a weekly basis since the beginning of school," said Ms. Kramer, our 6th grade teacher.

Every week the 6th grade hikes from school to the Weeks Forest, about a three-mile round trip. In the forest, students build forts, become clan members and cook things like stick bread, hot dogs and potatoes over a campfire. They also write in journals and do science, learning about the food web and the plants. This fall the class created a book called Weeks Forest Florilegium, where each student adopted a plant and then made a

watercolor drawing. All the drawings came together and became a beautiful book.

Our class is not the only class who has done Forest Thursday. Previous classes went to the Weeks Forest as well and ended the year with an adventure week. Last year's class had a two day adventure. They had an overnight and hiked Mount Wantastiquet. The class before that celebrated with outdoor performances about the animals of the forest. The class of 2014 spent a whole week out of the classroom in Guilford Center, doing math in the brick schoolhouse, eating meals in the Grange and doing projects around town.

This year will be awesome because our class is also having a week of adventure. On Monday we'll make food for the week. On Tuesday we are going to have a cookout and go swimming at Ms. Kramer's house in New Hampshire. The following day we will do a day of community service, having jobs like picking up trash, cleaning up historic buildings in town and helping get things ready for next year's 6th graders.

The most exciting part is Thursday, when we have a family dinner at the Grange, then a movie in the dark, upstairs room. After the dinner and movie, we'll walk to Weeks Forest with headlamps and flashlights to go to sleep. In the morning, we are going to break

down the tents and walk to the Grange for breakfast. The bus will pick us up and take us to the other side of Mount Wantastiquet and we will hike up and down the mountain into Brattleboro. Finally, we will walk to the Whetstone Station Restaurant for a special lunch. To help pay for the lunch, the 6th grade leadership had a bake sale in late March.

"I just can't wait to do all those fun activities, but what I am mainly excited about is to do all the fun activities with my class," said Melanie St. John, one of the 6th grade students. We all agree about the fun activities and we can't wait.

May Song

BY MICHAEL CRAMER

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The One and Only Mauren Campbell

BY KATLY ZUMBRUSKI, GCS 6TH GRADE

Do you know Mauren Campbell? She is a 26-year-old student intern who goes to Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, New Hampshire. Ms. Campbell has been in our 6th grade class since early January.

Before coming to Guilford, Ms. Campbell led an interesting life. She was born and grew up in Richmond, Virginia. For college, she went to the University of Virginia. After graduation, Ms. Campbell came to Antioch in Keene, NH. She's so excited to teach in public schools because before she was only working in private schools. "I've



Mauren Campbell

been teaching for a while in private schools, but I knew it was time to get my teaching license so that I could teach in public schools. The public education system in this country is so important, so valuable, and it sets us apart as a na-

tion. Working to better that system in any way I can has always been my ultimate goal."

One reason she went to Antioch was because it has a good reputation for teaching in public schools. Ms. Campbell came to this school because she has never taught 4th grade and up before, and she heard a lot of good things about GCS. When she came to visit she thought we were awesome.

When I interviewed Ms. Campbell, she told me that the most challenging thing that she taught us was dividing fractions because she had to relearn it herself. Her favorite thing at GCS so far was a play that we did called Jason and the Golden Fleece. "The sixth graders are not afraid of performing, and I LOVE that about them. As soon as I introduced the idea of reading a play together, they were all in. It was so exciting to watch as students became more fluent and expressive with their lines each time we did the play." Ms. Campbell's favorite thing that we do is Forest Thursday, where almost every Thursday we go into the woods and do fun things. She loves it!

On the weekends, Ms. Campbell goes rock climbing in Hadley Massachusetts, New Hampshire or Concord with her friends and also hikes with her roommate. She also does homework for her classes or goes

to visit her boyfriend in New York. She likes all the seasons here in New England, and she even learned how to ski.

Ms. Campbell's year ended with us in mid April. One of Ms. Kramer's students, Brea Tkaczyk says, "We have never had a student teacher in our class. Ms. Campbell has had such an amazing impact on my life. I am so grateful that she has been with us for the past three months. It is going to be hard when she leaves, but she will leave us with the best gift of all—memories." Ms. Campbell will be going to another school in September to do her final internship. We will all miss Ms. Campbell and wish her luck moving forward in her life and hope that maybe she will come back to visit us.

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Farm to School: Alive and Well at GCS!

BY ANGELA JOBIN, GCS 6TH GRADE

Kindergarteners are handing out kale chips, giving out little ballots as well to let you vote whether you like it a little bit or you like it so much it goes on the lunch menu. The littlest students are excited because they prepared the kale chips themselves, with the help of their teacher and Hanna Jenkins. This event is called a taste test, which is part of the Farm to School Program here at Guilford. The FTS Program helps kids connect with their foods. It lets them know where their food is grown. Taste tests are a great way to introduce new

foods to kids; some of the ingredients we use are from our school garden. We do buy things from the store such as olive oil, spices, cheeses and other things we can't farm locally.

Farm to School focuses mostly on vegetable taste tests, but we might do fruit taste tests in the future. "We hadn't planned on doing any fruit taste tests this year, but I think it's a good idea and it would be interesting to see what kinds of fruit students would want to try," said Hanna Jenkins, the school's FTS coordinator. "We do the taste test during the school year, and things such as fresh strawberries, raspberries and blueberries aren't available locally, but maybe we could use locally grown apples instead." Some of the taste tests we have already done so far are: kale chips, rutabaga mash, cabbage slaw, salsa, parsnip chips, winter squash soup, and homemade salad dressings. All of the vegetables used come from the Vermont Harvest of the Month calendar, which highlights a different vegetable grown each month.

Buying Club is another part of the FTS Program. It is a program where people in our community can

order online to get local vegetables, fruits and other delicious foods, at affordable prices. Sixth graders help with Buying Club every other Tuesday. They weigh, wash and package food that people order, and put together people's orders so they're ready when they come to pick them up. That helps Hanna Jenkins a bunch. "I like helping with Buying Club because it is a fun experience to work with my fellow classmates and Hanna Jenkins. I also enjoy what we do in Buying Club, and I learn new thing every time I go," said Melanie St. John, a sixth grader at GCS. After they're done packaging, if there are leftover apples, students have one of the juicy apples as a reward! We look forward to seeing our Farm to School program develop and grow at GCS.



*Farm to School Coordinator
Hanna Jenkins with students*


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The Wonderful Artist Ms. Manean

BY ALEX BAKER, 6TH GRADE

The artist, Ms. Manean, is working away at a masterpiece of art on her classroom walls, a marvelous abstract mural with bright colors that has taken her several days to complete. Ms. Manean is a wonderful art teacher at Guilford Central School. She has taught kids art for fun and for entertainment. For example, this year she hosted the 4th Annual Arts Night on Monday, April 3rd. She has the enthusiasm for art to put all of this together for everyone to enjoy—the kids, parents and GCS staff.

Ms. Manean is from Bridgewater, New Jersey. She lived there with her mother and sister. When she was little, she was inspired by Frida Kahlo to do art. “She is amazing,” said Ms. Manean when I asked her about Frida Kahlo. When Ms. Manean was ready to go to college, she went to

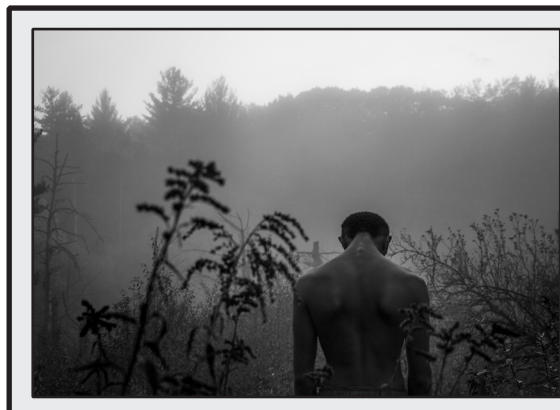
Keene State. While there, she won the Keene State College award for her art work. She has the talent to do anything.

Ms. Manean was welcomed to GCS three years ago, when she was 23. On the first day of school when we met her, we got right to work and welcomed her to the school. As some kids would say, she is the best art teacher that we have had in years. She has many strengths—like her intelligence, her neatness and most importantly, her loving care for all of her students. When she is working on an art project, she is stuck like a fly on a fly trap and won’t be done until it’s her best work. She said to me, “I love my job, the people who work here and the nature-loving community.” Ms. Manean loves to go to New Mexico on vacation, and to New York to see the art museums. Her favorite artist of all time is Salvador Dali. “His paintings

are amazing,” she said.

This year in November she announced that she would be going on maternity leave because she is pregnant. She is going to have so much fun with that little tike; I know she will be so happy.

In conclusion, Ms. Manean is a powerful artist and a powerful teacher. She is smart, funny and kind. She has been the brains of our art projects. She has the courage to teach us the best part of life, and that is always to do your best in anything.



BUHS Senior, Freesia Cappy-Goldfarb received a “Silver Medal With Distinction” from the Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards for her portfolio of photos depicting her brother Yared. Freesia will receive a scholarship of \$1000, as well as have her photo displayed in NYC in the gallery at the Pratt Institute and at The Parsons New School for Design.

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Jamie Card: A Smiling Presence at GCS

BY BREA TKACZYK

One day sitting at lunch, my classmates and I were talking and having a normal day. Then our counselor at the time, Chantelle Albin, walked up with a face we had never seen before. It was our new counselor, Jamie Card, who would be filling in while Ms. Albin was on maternity leave. She was so nice from the first second; her smile was so kind we were very glad to know we were going to have an awesome new counselor. Because we are in sixth grade, we are part of the leadership group, so it meant a lot to us that we got a perfect counselor for our school and for leadership.

Jamie Card grew up in the country of Panama, Central America, with her Grandma Rosa, brother Rolando and her cousins Mercedes, Onofre and Ramon. Her brother is now grown up, still living in Panama with his wife and two

children, along with her whole family. When she was taking care of her children, Jamie decided that she wanted to go back to school to be a guidance counselor and help other kids. Ms. Card worked at Bel lows Falls Middle and High School then at the Windsor Elementary School. Later on, Ms. Card saw an advertisement for an opening for a guidance counselor at GCS. She came to the school for an interview, taught a lesson in a classroom, and now she is here with us!

When asked if she liked working at Guilford Central School, she replied with, "Love it, and still do, love, love, love GCS! The students are wonderful, the staff is a very supportive community. The entire school is a warm and supportive community." She continued that she likes, "being able to work with kids and work with the leadership group and to work with the kin-

dergarten." When asked what her favorite thing about working at Guilford Central School is, Ms. Card replied, "What I love the most is working with kids of all ages. It has been rewarding, very rewarding." It has been wonderful having Ms. Card around our school. Whether she is here next year or not, whatever school she is in she will make it a wonderful place.

I am only going to get to work in the leadership with Ms. Card for a couple more months but it has been so fun to have her around our school and in our community. Our teacher, Ms. Kramer, agrees. "It's been such a pleasure working with Ms. Jamie. She is a compassionate, sunny presence in our school." We have loved having Ms. Card and her warm smile walking around our school.

Selectboard Report

BY SHEILA MORSE

We have a newly configured 2017-18 Selectboard. Guilford was blessed to have multiple candidates for the two terms that were up this February – those of Troy Revis and Dick Clark. Those seats were secured respectively by Richard Wizansky and Verandah Porche who joined Gabby Ciuffreda, Gordon Little, and Sheila Morse. Troy's years of service were celebrated with much appreciation at Town Meeting. Plans for honoring Dick are underway. Stay tuned!

The Selectboard voted on goals for this

year's work at its first meeting. Those include:

- Select Board to continue to be active, open, and transparent
- Figure out WSWMD options
- Be aware of needs of Guilford elders vis-à-vis the Town Plan
- Facilitate collaboration among the various Guilford non-profits and community organizations
- Initiate Capital Program
- Work toward a viable and sustainable economic future for Guilford in collaboration

with community and regional resources and activities

Some of these topics will be discussed during the reconstituted work sessions that often take place at 7:30 am on Thursdays in the Town Office. These meetings are warned and, as always, the public is invited.

This is a good time to remind folks to refer to Guilford's website as a resource for all things town-related: www.guilfordvt.net. Have questions about the Route 5 Bridge replacement, or who our

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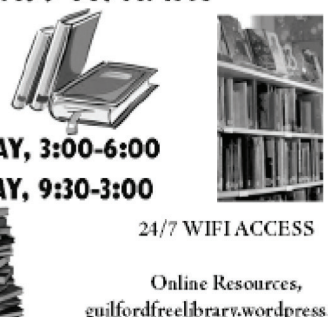

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Guilford Free Library

BY LYNN GREEN

It's 11:00 a.m. on a Tuesday so it must be Storytime at the Guilford Free Library. One of many programs and services for the community, Storytime this particular morning is about ducks and features a special guest: Tom, the Australian Mini-Duck, who lives with eight-year-old Sam Mathes and his family. Sam found a duck egg in a nest and nurtured it until Tom popped out. Tom is a big hit with the preschoolers and the adults who accompany them. The week before Oscar and Miriam Shaw joined the group with their father John. Oscar, who is six and a half, is especially interested in animals and made a beeline for the nonfiction section in the children's room. Three-and-a-half-year-old Miriam perused the well-stocked collection of picture books. The children are home schooled and the library is part of their program. "We really like this library," their father commented. "It has a home-like feeling to it."

Head librarian Cathi Wilken and Board of Trustees co-chair Laura Lawson

Selectboard

Dog Officer is, or what the schedule or agenda is for upcoming Selectboard or Commission meetings, or a marriage license, or Dick Clark's celebration? Answers will be there...

Finally, a reminder about an important community information meeting:

•Thursday, 5/25 at 5:30 pm: Route 5 Bridge update (Guilford Community Church)

Tucker take turns reading for Storytime. Songs and puppets welcome the children as they sit in a circle surrounded by shelves and bins of an ever increasing collection of books.

Cathi Wilken has been with the library since 1998, the latest librarian in a long history going back to 1892. She has seen—and has been instrumental—in the many changes since she first picked up the key to the historic building. She is assisted by librarian Leah Gessner and an active group of volunteers.

Guilford's first library (subscription-based) opened in 1790, according to "The Official History of Guilford, Vermont, 1678-1961" and lasted 25 years. In 1890 resident Cynthia King left a bequest of \$1,000 to be used to buy books only if the town would put up a building to house them. The current building on Guilford Center Road opened to great fanfare in 1892 according to the newspapers of the time.

Since then the library has continued to change and grow both physically and intellectually. The stove that heated the building has been replaced and until 2003 there was no bathroom; a small addition solved that problem. Since 1998 the book collection has tripled—to be certified the library must continue to acquire books—and there are now new shelves and bins for picture books.

Technology has changed libraries worldwide. When Cathi started there were no public computers; within a year there was one and a grant enabled the library to purchase four more. Community donations

have increased that number. Guilford is a member of the Catamount Library Network, a consortium of 13 libraries in Vermont, which enables card holders to request books from any member library on their own computers and pick them up in Guilford. The library website, guilfordfreelibraryvt.org, offers a range of services, and is a portal to research, educational opportunities, free movies, books, music, and audio books among other services. Vacation camps, including one in conjunction



with Guilford Center Stage, draw local students for several weeks during the summer. A combination of public funds from the town (for salaries and books), money raised by the trustees and grants keep the library running and growing.

"Public libraries are keeping up with the times. They're not going away because of all this digital stuff," Cathi explains. "They're embracing it."

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Guilford School Board Report

BY BETH BRISTOL

The Guilford Town School Board has recently reconstituted following Town Meeting elections. We say farewell and thank you to long time board chair Alice Revis but we also welcome incoming board member Emily Hartz. Beth Bristol and Erin Tkaczyk will serve as chair and vice-chair, respectively, with Angela Johnson taking over the role of board clerk. Eric Feindel also continues his term and completes our five-member board. As we begin our work as a newly formed board, we recognize the significant undertaking before us in the coming year. The board will continue to tackle the tough issues surrounding Act 46, implement a new and long awaited in-house pre-K program, and orchestrate a major upgrade to our heating system—among many other things!

The Act 46 discussions will continue in earnest as the Study Committee, which consists of representatives from each district board, furthers their work

on determining the best path forward for the children of Windham Southeast Supervisory Union. We are awaiting State guidance, legislative news, and continued scrutiny of the options available to us under the law. This process is rapidly changing and increasingly complex, but our board remains committed to finding a solution that is in the best interest of our children and our community.

The development and implementation of the new pre-K program in Guilford Central School is an exciting change we hope will draw new students and new enthusiasm to our school. The pre-k program will serve four- or five- year-olds for the school year prior to starting kindergarten. The board and the school principal, Mr. Gagnon, are developing the outline for the structure of the program, as well as filling new staff positions. The program will incorporate a nature and place-based curriculum, staying true to the existing culture of our school and meeting

all licensing requirements. We intend to have the program up and running for the fall of 2017.

The school building heating system upgrade from oil to wood pellets, with associated integrated and dynamic control system, will commence this summer. The project planning and preparation phase has already begun and we are excited to see the progress over the next several months. Improvements made to efficiency, ease of use, and air quality are expected to be significant, as well as significant long-term savings on our fuel costs.

The Guilford Town School Board holds regular meetings on the first and third Monday of each month, at 6:30pm in the school library. We invite and encourage everyone to attend meetings whenever possible to get the latest updates on these and other important issues affecting the school. Board minutes and agendas are also available on the school website.

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MAY

19 MOVIE: FOYLE'S WAR I

1 PM (free) Guilford Community Church sponsored by Guilford Free Library.

20 HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLANT AND BAKE SALE

10 AM -2 PM Richmond Auto

28 FOMAG SPRING ORGAN RECITAL/COOKOUT

3 PM Organ Barn at idyllic Tree Frog Farm (Concert \$15, cookout \$10) reservations 254-3600

JUNE

3 STROLLING OF THE HEIFERS PARADE

10 AM sharp, Main Street, Brattleboro followed by the SLOW LIVING EXPO food, rides and entertainment at the Common and Retreat grounds.

3 SPRINGTIME 'CELLO CELEBRATION: 'CELLO QUARTETS

7:30 pm Guilford Center Meetinghouse. Concert to benefit the Guilford Free Library, followed by a dessert buffet (\$25) Tickets available at the Library, Everyone's Books, or at the door. info

257-4603 or Laura Lawson Tucker 257-7024.

4 TOUR de HEIFER

Lilac Ridge Farm, beginning at 8 a. m.

13 GUILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM OPENS

16 BUHS GRADUATION

16 MOVIE:FOYLE'S WAR 2

1 PM (free) Guilford Community Church sponsored by Guilford Free Library.

17 A CAPPELLA À LA CARTE

6 PM FOMAG Membership Meeting (open to all), 6:45 All-Community Potluck, 7:30 Concert by the Guilford Chamber Singers. (Concert admission by donation) Info and reservations (802) 254-3600

JULY

10 ROUTE 5 BRIDGE

CONTRUCTION BEGINS

21 MOVIE:FOYLE'S WAR 3

1 PM (free) Guilford Community Church sponsored by Guilford Free Library.

17-21 ARTS ADVENTURE CAMP

9 AM-12.30 PM (free) Camp for Grades K-3, Guilford Free Library

24-28 BUILD A BETTER WORLD

9 AM-12.30 PM (free) Camp for Grades 2-5, Guilford Free Library

AUGUST

14-18 STAGE AND STREAM

9 AM-3:30 PM (free)Camp for grades 5-8, Guilford Free Library

ONGOING

Tuesdays:

•**STORYTIME- 11 AM** Library. Cathi Wilken or Laura Lawson Tucker presents a program of songs, fingerplays, books and activities for babies, toddlers and older siblings. No charge. Information: 254-6545

3rd Wednesday of the month:

•**TALK ABOUT BOOKS, 6:30 PM**, library. Books are available to borrow from the library. No charge.

Every Thursday:

•FOOD PANTRY 5-6 PM.

Broad Brook Grange

3rd Thursday of the month:

•**SPECIAL STORYTIME, 5 PM**, library. Songs, stories, poems, and a simple snack. No charge.

Town of Guilford Meeting Schedule

Name of Meeting	Meeting Day(s)	Time	Location	Contact
Selectboard	2nd and 4th Mondays	6:30 PM	Town Office	www.guilfordvt.net
Planning Commission	3rd Mondays	7:00 PM	Town Office	www.guilfordvt.net
Conservation Commission	3rd Thursdays	5:00 PM	Town Office	www.guilfordvt.net
Cemetery Commission	3rd Thursdays	5:30 PM	Town Office	www.guilfordvt.net
Recreation Commission	2nd Thursday	6:30 PM	Town Office	contact@guilfordrecreation.org
School Board	1st and 3rd Mondays	6:30 PM	School	www.guilfordvt.net
Fire Department Trustees	1st Mondays	6:30 PM	Fire Station	254-4413
Firefighter's Meeting and Drills	Every Tuesday	6:30 PM	Fire Station	254-4413
Fire Department Auxiliary	1st Thursdays	6:30 PM	Fire Station	gfdaux@yahoo.com; 254-4413
Guilford Cares	2nd Wednesdays	6:00 PM	Town Office	gcares@comcast.net
Guilford Pitstoppers	1st Mondays	7:00 PM	GCC	pitstoppers@comcast.net
Library Trustees	3rd Mondays	6:30 PM	Library	guilfordfreelibrary@wordpress.com
Historical Society	TBA	6:30 PM	Town Office	www.guilfordhistorical.org
Broad Brook Grange	1st Thursdays	7:00 PM	Grange Hall	
Guilford Gazette	2nd Thursdays	9:00 AM	Country Store	gazette@guilfordfree.org

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